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## **Issuing of codes/identifiers in the electricity and gas industries**

**DVGW Deutscher Verein des  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Code numbers and identifiers are central to the electronic and automated market processes in the energy industry. The German Association of Energy and Water Industries (BDEW) and the German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water (DVGW) have for many years been issuing the relevant codes for the electricity and gas industries and thus provided reliable uniformity in market communication.

In recent years, as a result of increasing digitalisation and regulation, the volume of national and especially European rules regarding the issuing of codes and identifiers in the electricity and gas sectors has grown significantly. Further requirements are also expected in future. In order to deal with this development, to ensure a high quality of data and to be able to continue to provide a customer oriented issuing and management of identifiers, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) has modified the rules for issuing codes and introduced the possibility, due to the greatly increased requirements, of charging fees in order to cover the costs involved. The German Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur) is in favour of BDEW and DVGW continuing to issue the codes and published, in its Communication 55 (Mitteilung 55) available on its website [www.bnetza.de](http://www.bnetza.de), the implementation of European rules for introducing fees for identifiers.

In light of this, the management board of BDEW and the Executive Board of DVGW have decided to charge a fee for issuing codes from 1 January 2017 in order to cover the respective costs. In this way, all market participants will contribute to these costs. The issuing and management of the code numbers will, in the interests of professionalisation, be performed from 1 January 2017 by Energie Codes und Services GmbH (for BDEW) and by DVGW Service &

Consult GmbH (as before). The prices are scaled according to quantity of codes used and relate to BDEW and DVGW code numbers, electricity and gas network operator numbers as well as Energy Identification Codes (EIC). You will find full information regarding the fees announced by the German Federal Network Agency at [www.energiecodes.de](http://www.energiecodes.de).

Existing codes will remain free of charge until 31 December 2016. As the owner of a code, you have the possibility, within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, to exercise your extraordinary termination right or to deactivate your existing codes with DVGW or have them blocked by BDEW respectively, should you no longer require them. Leaving your codes active or not exercising your right to termination will be deemed to be acceptance of the announced fees.

If you would like to state a different billing address or dedicated email address for billing, please indicate this to us without delay using the enclosed form, including all information regarding the respective address/email address. Please also check the information stored in the database for your company.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Weiden, BDEW, (Tel.: +49 30 300199-1141, email: [ulrike.weiden@bdew.de](mailto:ulrike.weiden@bdew.de)) and Mr. Preis, DVGW Service & Consult, (Tel. +49 228 9188-744, email: [preis@dvwg.de](mailto:preis@dvwg.de)).

Yours Sincerely,



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**Angabe einer abweichenden Anschrift für die Rechnungserstellung der Codevergabe**

**Please indicate differing address for invoicing of code registration**

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Firmenname / company name

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Codenummer(n) / code number(s)

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Herr/Frau / male/female

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Titel / academic title

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Vorname / first name

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Nachname / surname

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e-mail

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Straße und Hausnummer / street and number

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PLZ / zip code

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Ort / city

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Land / country

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Telefonnummer / phone number

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Faxnummer / fax number